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The Chinese Government is laying the foundations of an atomic research  
institute at Atush in the southern part of Sinkiang. Atush was founded  
in 1951 by the Uighur and Kirgiz groups, most of whom have since been  
evacuated. The town is in a very isolated situation on the edge of the  
Taklamakan desert and has connections only with Kashagar and Tihua, and  
even these very difficult. Polish, Hungarian and Czechoslovak experts  
have been invited to work at Atush under favorable conditions, but must  
accept an engagement not to leave the place for five years.

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